Target-orientated system in Public Distribution System

2860. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the Hindustan Times dated the 25th August, 1987 to the effect that the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) Report had stressed the need to adopt Target Group Orientation Approach in the Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to effectively implement the Public Distribution System in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations made in the Report regarding public distribution system were examined in detail. These were also discussed in two seminars held in IIPA. Some of the recommendations made in the report related to the need to adopt target group orientated approach in PDS and differential pricing for the target groups in respect of some commodities This is a policy matter with wide financial, administrative and other ramifications. This has been considered at various levels from time to time. Some other recommendations pertained to the need to review ration cards periodically, to issue ration cards to all, need to supply essential commodities other than PDS items, to rationalise the rationing scale in favour of the poor and to keep them stable for reasonably long period need to display prices of the PDS items, to provide adequate storage facilities to give preference to unemployed youths for giving dealerships of FPS etc. In respect of these aspects of the PDS, guidelines issued from time to time by the Department of Civil Supplies to the State Governments are already in existence.

The report contains a lot of useful material and ideas and is being used as a valuable source material for matters relating to PDS.

भूतपूर्व मंत्रियों द्वारा सरकारी मकानों पर अनधिकृत रूप से कब्जा

2861 श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) ऐसे कितने सरकारी भवन अथवा आवास है जिनमे भूतपूर्व केन्द्रीय मंत्री अनधिकृत रूप से कब्जा बनाये हुए है और इसके क्या कारण है; और

(ख) सरकार उन्हे खाली कराने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) और (ख) भूतपूर्व मंत्रियो द्वारा सरकारी आवास को अनधिकृत दखल मे रखने के दो मामले है। एक मामले मे आगे समयावधि की अनुमति देने का निर्णय लिया गया है तथा दूसरे मामले में सरकार ने 21-11-87 तक रखने की अनुमति दी थी तथा नियमो के अन्तर्गत आगे कार्यवाही की जा रही है ।

Signature tune preceding T V. News Bulletin

2862 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the responsibility of making new signature tune preceding news bulletins was originally offered to Ustad Amjad Ali Khan by the Doordarshan;